

SENATE BILL 2179

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to special license plates for supporters of Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(3), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

() Supporters of Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203, is amended by adding a new item thereto, as follows:

() Supporters of Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital - twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. (a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of the state of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a supporter of Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital special license plate, either for an automobile, or a truck of one-half (1/2) or three-quarter (3/4) ton rating.

(b) The funds derived from the sale of such supporters of Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital special license plates, less the expense the state has incurred in designing and manufacturing such plates, shall be deposited in a special fund to be

used exclusively for research into the causes and treatment of cancer and cancer-related illnesses in children.

(c) The special plates provided for in this section shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of § 55-4-202, and shall be designed in consultation with the chairman of the board of directors of Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, the director of the motor vehicle commission and the department of safety. The special plates shall include a unique identifying number, whereby the total characters do not exceed the sum of seven (7); provided, that no two (2) recipients shall receive identical plates.

(d)(1) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to mean that any eligible person shall be prevented from exchanging a regular type plate for one (1) of special design; provided, that the fees prescribed under § 55-4-203 are paid.

(2) The whole or parts of the fee for a special registration plate shall not be refunded for the exchange of a regular plate.

(e) Additional special license plates may be obtained by any eligible person upon payment of the regular license fee for plates, as prescribed under § 55-4-111, plus the payment of the fee prescribed in § 55-4-203.

(f)(1) Special license plates issued pursuant to this section may be transferred to another vehicle of the same weight class owned or leased by the same person upon proper application being made therefor and approved by the department of safety.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to whom such plates have been issued to knowingly permit them to be displayed on any vehicle, except such as authorized by the department.

SECTION 4. The department shall not implement the provisions of this act unless at least one hundred (100) registration plates are ordered pursuant to the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.